

Appendix 4: Scale and Significance Rating Assessment

SCALE AND SIGNIFICANCE RATING OF A PROPOSAL

Variable	High / large +1	Moderate 0	Low / small -1
1. Importance of the issue that the plan change seeks to address given the context in which it arises	1		
2. Extent of change from the status quo		0	
3. Size of geographical area that is affected by the plan change		0	
4. Number of people likely to be affected	1		
5. Degree of risk and uncertainty		0	

Rating score	Scale / significance	Level of detail required
3 to 5	High	Comprehensive / detailed report that thoroughly addresses all aspects of s32 Expert assessments likely to be required
-2 to 2	Moderate	Moderate level of detail focussing on key points
-3 to -5	Low	Basic evaluation without need for much detail

Score = 2

Notes for variables identified:

1. The issue is important in the context of the current post earthquake growth and development of town centres, and in particular the establishment of new business premises or community facilities that will require parking and vehicle servicing in the long term. The form and function of towns is affected by whether parking is provided, how and where this occurs. Parking area design can provide poor and hazardous outcomes for pedestrians which are difficult to resolve after facilities are installed.
2. The change modifies the existing approach to parking, requiring loading to be more specifically provided, clarifies when financial contributions may be more appropriate than on-site parking provision and introduces a new requirement for cycle parking.
3. Although parking provisions apply across several zones, the actual land area affected by parking is minor.
4. A large number of people will be affected by the provisions as car parking is required for a wide range of activities and used by a large proportion of the community.
5. The degree of risk and uncertainty is moderate and would include over or under supply of parking or loading, uncertainty over demand and change of use over time, risk of inhibiting development or foreclosing future opportunities for development.